had requested the authorities of Hong Kong for his extradition;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the C.B.I. was informed about the escape by Interpol through FAX on or about 9th January, 1997;

(d) whether any investigation have been made in the matter and if so, the results thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to bring Amir Bhai to this country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) According to information available, Mohd. Amir Deen Habib *alias* Amir Bhai had left Hong Kong on 4.1.1997 and reached Dubai on the same date.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The enquiries made by the Consulate General of India, Hong Kong reveal that Amir Bhai had waived his right to judicial review and withdrawn his petition filed in th Hong Kong High Court which was scheduled to be heard on 16th and 17th January, 1997. He volunteered to go to Dubai, which was the place of his embarkation at the time of his arrest in Hong Kong in June 1996. The invalid passport of Amir Bhai, which was in the custody of the Judge in Hong Kong, was returned to him by the Court in early January, 1997 and thus Amir Bhai departed from Hong Kong to Dubai on 4.1.1997.

(e) The Interpol India has requested Interpol Abu Dhabi to arrest Amir Bhai and extradite/deport him to India. The Court of Special Judge, Delhi has also issued a Warrant to Arrest against Amir Bhai on 24/1/97 which, along with other extradition papers, has been sent to the UAE authorities for extraditing/ deporting/removing Amri Bhai from Dubai to India.

**Indian succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996**

2635. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996 passed by the Kerala Assembly is pending before the Centre for assent since 11th April, 1996; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in the matter and by when the Bill is likely to be assented to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996, has been assented to by the President on 8-3-1997 and the State Government informed on 11-3-1997.

**Public statement by the investigating officers**

2636. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government quite recently that, the investigation officers are making many public statements revealing the progress of the investigation etc.; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that it may effect the result of the investigation and may help the real culprits to find out ways to escape from the hands of justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) As per the instructions/guidelines in CBI, public statements are made only by the officers who are authorised to issue such statements on behalf of CBI as and when considered necessary in the interest of the case. It would therefore, not be correct to say that the investigating officers are making public statements revealing the progress of the investigation.

(b) Adequate care is taken at the time